

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed Claims 13-100. Claims 3-6 and 9-12 have been objected to with the Examiner stating that Claims 3-6 and 9-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding Claim 3, this claim has been cancelled, and the limitations thereof have been incorporated into independent Claim 1, upon which Claim 3 was dependent. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1 is now patentable, as well as the subclaims dependent upon Claim 1, i.e., Claims 2-6.

Regarding Claim 9, this claim has been cancelled, and the limitations thereof have been incorporated into Claim 7, upon which Claim 9 was dependent. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 7 is now patentable, as well as the subclaims dependent upon Claim 7, i.e., Claims 8-12.

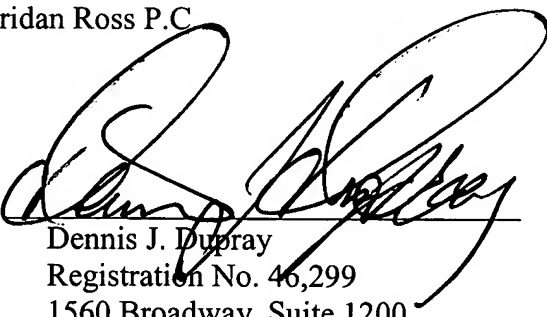
Claims 101 and 102 have been cancelled.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the present patent application. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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